



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 4

Monday 7th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's October and autumn has definitely arrived, Mr Roberts will be working hard to keep our paths free of leaves! We are so lucky to have such beautiful trees, new and old, on our site. Thank you to our families who stay on our paths and use the litter bins. We appreciate you keeping our site clean and tidy. Please don't walk up the grass in front of school, it just isn't safe and we really don't want anyone to fall. The ground is uneven and wet underfoot. Take your time and use the paths on site please.

I am really proud of how well all the children have settled into their new year groups and classes. We have welcomed about 75 new families into our school community, mostly into the Early Years but some into Key Stage 1 as well. On school census day last week, we recorded 21 languages spoken within our school community – how wonderful! It is important that our children leave us with an understanding of the world that they are growing up in, having learned how to live alongside, and show respect for, a diverse range of people. Thank you to everyone for being welcoming, kind and respectful.

Within our school ethos, we identify how parents and carers can work effectively with us to enable all our children to thrive:

We expect our Parents and Carers to...

- ✓ Respect the ethos, vision, and values of our school.
- ✓ Work together with staff in the best interests of our children.
- ✓ Treat all members of our school community with respect, kindness, and good manners.
- ✓ Set a good example to our children with language and behaviour.
- ✓ Seek a peaceful solution to all issues.
- ✓ Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care) where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct.
- ✓ Approach the right member of staff to help resolve any concern.

I hope that you were able to visit your children's classrooms for our recent reading workshops. Our intention was to help you understand how your children will be taught to develop their reading skills this year. We also hope that we have motivated you to find time to read with your children each day so that they can progress on the class Reading Rainbow and earn rewards. #Team work 🤝

We welcomed three new members of staff into our team last week. Miss Smith will be working in our office team for the duration of Mrs Tusa's maternity leave. Mrs Bradley and Miss Archer will be supporting in our Reception classes at the end of the week. I know that you will help them to feel welcome as they learn the Cavendish Close way of doing things.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Cavendish Close
Infant School (CCIS)

Our School Vision

When our children
move on from us,
we want them to
be:



Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Our Harvest display in the hall looks fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone who has brought some food in. You are all so kind. We will continue to learn about Harvest time this week before sharing the food with the Derby 'Food 4 Thought' Alliance.

Thank you for having such good manners in school. I like to see you greet your friends and grown-ups in school with a 'good morning,' a smile and a wave. I like to hear you using 'please' and 'thank you.' Well done 😊

Many Thanks!



Thank you to everyone who has bought a book from our book fair. Remember to find time to enjoy a good book at bedtime every night. Keep on reading at home.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

Children are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on our school site. Please help us to keep our paths safe.

If children come to school on a bike or scooter, they must dismount at the Wood Road gates and walk on the school site.



If you drive to school, please park safely away from school and walk. Please do not block driveways or mount pavements. Respect our neighbours and prioritise keeping children safe.

If you drive on site to drop off or collect children from a club, drive very slowly and park in a designated parking space.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can have a 'free' school dinner every day. Costs are covered by the government. Our meals are cooked freshly every day and you can prepare your children for what they will choose by looking at our menus.



Please find time every day to read to and with your children. Enjoying reading together will help your children to develop as confident readers who choose to read. We hope that you found our recent reading workshops helpful and that you feel motivated and able to help with your children's reading at home. Help your child to be a Reading Rainbow Champion.



We are holding two open evenings next half term for prospective 'Nursery and Reception 2025' families.

Monday 11th November 3:45pm to 5:00pm

Monday 2nd December 3:45pm to 5:00pm

All nursery parents and carers need to apply to Derby City Council for a school place between 3rd November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

If you know any family, friends, colleagues etc in the local area with nursery aged children who are due to start school in September 2025, please share these opportunities and encourage them to contact, visit and choose us.





Work will start this week on our 'outdoor classroom gazebo' in the Willow Garden, next to the Year 2 playground.

The fundraising by our school community has been extraordinary and we are delighted that we are now in a position for the construction work to begin.



Our outdoor classroom will be called 'Mason's Den,' in loving memory of our dear friend Mason who showed us remarkable bravery, resilience and joy for the great outdoors.

We are looking forward to seeing Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers on Thursday 7th November for our Autumn Term Parents' Evening (appointments are between 3:15pm and 6:15pm).

Parents and carers coming to school for parents' evening should not drive or park on site. Parents collecting children from after school clubs may drive slowly (5mph) and park on site in designated parking spaces.

Please use our main entrance to enter and leave school.



Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance HERO.

Please do not book any term time holidays during this academic year as holiday absence will be unauthorised and parents/carers are likely to be fined by Derby City Council.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader and she will be carefully tracking children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time

Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



2024.25 Academic Year

Please plan all family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time. Help your child to be an Attendance HERO.

Here Every day, Ready and On time

Autumn Term 1 2024

Thursday 5th September to Friday 25th October

Tuesday 1 st October to Monday 7 th October	Scholastic book fair in school. Books can be purchased earning free books for school.
Wednesday 9 th October and Thursday 10 th October	Reception NHS Height and weight checks
Wednesday 23 rd October	PCSO Bartos and PCSO Northover-Brewer come to speak to the children about Halloween and Bonfire Night safety.
Friday 25th October	Children break up for the half term holiday

Autumn Term 2 2024

Tuesday 5th November to Friday 20th December

Monday 4 th November	INSET day 2: School is closed to children for staff training
Tuesday 5 th November	NHS Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 6 th November and Thursday 7 th November	School photographer (individual photographs and 'in school' siblings).
Thursday 7 th November	Parents' evening
Week beginning Monday 11 th November	Anti-bullying week – Choose respect
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance – 1 minute silence at 11am
Monday 11 th November	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 1 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day to embrace difference and diversity. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks.
Friday 29 th November	Professional pantomime performance in school – A Christmas Carol
Monday 2 nd December	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 2 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025
Week beginning Monday 9 th December	Class nativity performances throughout the week
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas dinner day
Week beginning Monday 16 th December	Year group Christmas parties with a visit from Santa and his helpers
Friday 20th December	Children break up for the Christmas holiday

<u>Spring Term 1 2025</u>	
Monday 6th January to Thursday 13th February	
Monday 13 th January	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 3 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet day
Tuesday 11 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Reception parents and carers
Wednesday 12 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 1 parents and carers
Thursday 13 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 2 parents and carers
Thursday 13th February	Children break up for the half term holiday
Friday 14 th February	INSET day 3 : School is closed to children for staff training
<u>Spring Term 2 2025</u>	
Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April	
Friday 4th April	Children break up for the Easter holiday
<u>Summer Term 1 2025</u>	
Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May	
Friday 23rd May	Children break up for the half term holiday
<u>Summer Term 2 2025</u>	
Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July	
Friday 27 th June	INSET day 4 : School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 30 th June	INSET day 5 : School is closed to children for staff training
Thursday 24th July	Children break up for the Summer holiday
<p>INSET (in-service training) days 1, 2 and 3 are the same as the Junior Academy.</p> <p>INSET (in-service training) days 4 and 5 are different from the Junior Academy.</p>	

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our Deputy Headteacher

Nursery Class

Nursery	Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee	
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe (Mondays to Thursdays) and Mrs Bradley (Fridays)	
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Class 2	Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern (Mondays to Wednesdays, Fridays) and Mrs Bradley (Thursdays)	
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Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Gadsby (Mondays to Wednesdays) and Miss Archer (Thursdays and Fridays)	
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Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our Assistant Headteacher

Year 1 Classes

Class 7	Miss Brown, Mrs Taylor	
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Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Edwards	
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Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Flynn, Miss Mason	
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Year 2 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford	
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Class 6	Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills	
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Additional Key Stage 1 teacher: Miss Bradley

Additional Teaching Assistant: Mrs Bonner (Mondays to Wednesdays)

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Smalley

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Middy Supervisors: Mrs Burton, Mrs Pickering, Miss Smith and Miss Lamb



Contacting School 2024.25

Telephone 01332 662239

Please share any queries or concerns with us so that we can work together to keep your children safe, happy, and learning at school. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Please be respectful with your communication and only email us on school days between 7:45am and 5:45pm.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin - Headteacher, Mrs Howett - Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs Asghar - Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader)

School Office Team

admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers, Miss Smith – Administration and Finance Assistant)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

Inclusion Leader

senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Vincett) – Mrs Vincett is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Year Group Class Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Luke, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Brown, Miss Harker)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Roberts)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Roberts – Breakfast and After School Club Leader)



Keeping Cavendish Close Children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team.

Keeping children safe from harm is our utmost priority.

If anyone feels concerned about the safety of a child, they should act on their concern immediately.

- Parents and carers can speak to or email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to share information: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- **Parents and carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968) to report their concerns first hand**
- Parents and carers can use the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

The Safeguarding Team

Mrs Diffin

Headteacher and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Howett

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Asghar

Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Vincett

Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion

Mrs Leadbeater

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Dearie

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Carter

Safeguarding Lead Teacher

Mrs Roberts

Breakfast and After School Club Safeguarding Champion

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility